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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: TBD

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APPLICATION NO: 09/761,142

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FOR: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES FROM DROSOPHILA  
MELANOGASTER THAT ENCODE PROTEINS ESSENTIAL FOR  
LARVAL VIABILITY AND USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated October 25, 2001 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 25, 2001. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicants Credit Card in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required to Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta.

Respectfully submitted,

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